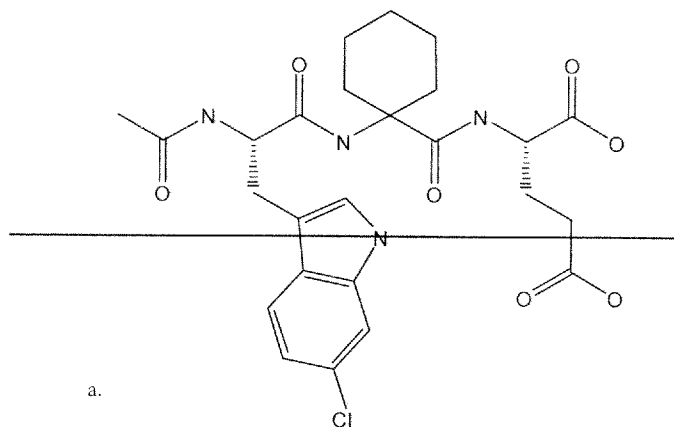


Amendment to the Specification. Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 38 (lines 3-8) with the following:

“Compounds that may be used initially have been discussed by Chene [*Nature* **3**:102-109 (2003)]. In addition, the present invention discloses the acetylated tripeptides, (a) Ac-⁶ClWAC_{3c}E and (b) Ac-⁶BrWAC_{3c}E, as shown respectively below, which can individually bind a modified Hmd2 protein in protein-ligand complex and form an X-ray diffractable crystal.



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